

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, Claims 1-34 were pending. Claims 1-32 were rejected and Claims 33 and 34 were objected to, but were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this paper, Claims 1, 13, 20, 22, and 33-34 are amended. Claims 1-34 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33 and 34 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this paper, the allowable subject matter of Claim 33, as Claim 33 stood prior to being amended in this paper, were added to each of the pending independent claims. For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 103 is moot.

CONCLUSION

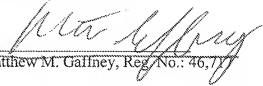
It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 1-34) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

Payment in the amount of \$490.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) is included herewith. It is believed that no further fees for this submission are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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